



# SATERN

SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATION, TRAINING, AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR NASA

## FOR SUPERVISORS ONLY

### APPROVE / REJECT AN IDP

When an employee submits an IDP for your review, you will receive an email notification. The email will be from **NASA-satern** and the subject line will read: **SATERN Individual Development Plan Review and Approval Request**.

- Log in to SATERN at <https://satern.nasa.gov>.
- On your homepage, click the red alert text that reads: **You have Subordinate Development Plans that require Review and Approval**.
- Click **Review** next to the plan you wish to view.
- Confirm that you are viewing the intended IDP; the employee's name will be next to **Currently Viewing** at the top of the screen.
- View development activities by clicking ► next to each goal name, and view further activity details by clicking **View Item Details**.
- *Optional:* To add notes for the employee, click **View/Add Notes** next to the section on which you would like to comment. Enter comments in the **Add Comments** text box and click **Add**.
- Click **Back** to return to the main page.
- Click **Accept** or **Reject**. If you reject the IDP, you must add comments regarding your reason for rejection. Enter your comments in the **Add Plan Review Comments** text box and click **Reject**.
- To exit the employee's IDP, click **Return to your records** at the top of the screen.

**NOTE:** When an employee resubmits an IDP after rejection and editing, follow the same procedure above to accept or reject it again.

### RUN EMPLOYEE REPORTS

As a supervisor, you can run reports in SATERN that will help you monitor the progress that your direct reports have made toward IDP goals. The **Individual Development Plan** report includes data on goals, development activities, comments, and progress; the **Learning History** report includes data on *completed* catalog items and external activities.

- On your homepage, select the **Reports** tab.
- From the **Report Name** list, select either **Individual Development Plan** or **Learning History**.
- Choose to run a report for yourself (select **Self**), your direct reports (select **Direct Subordinates**), all of your reports (select **All Subordinates**), or all of them (select **All**).
- Select the desired **Report Format**.
- Click **Run Report**.
- The report displays in a separate pop-up window. Print the report(s) as you would any other document.
- Close the pop-up window.

## GLOSSARY

**CATALOG ITEM**—Any learning or development activity listed in SATERN

**COMPETENCY-BASED GOAL**—A development goal that corresponds to a specific NASA competency in the Competency Management System (CMS)

**DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**—Any activity that builds expertise or skills; in the IDP, these are classified as either catalog items or external activities

**EXTERNAL ACTIVITY**—Any learning or development activity that is not listed in SATERN (e.g., conference, college course, on-the-job training); may or may not require a NF-1735

**NON-COMPETENCY-BASED GOAL**—A development goal that does *not* correspond to a NASA competency; articulated by the user in a free-form text field

**PRIORITY**—The level of importance of a goal or activity; can be Critical (1), Essential (2), or Significant (3)

**Critical:** Should be achieved/completed during this IDP cycle; not doing so will jeopardize organizational mission accomplishment

**Essential:** Must be achieved/completed in order to accomplish organizational mission objectives, or to carry out job responsibilities

**Significant:** Achievement/completion is not directly related to current job description, but will appreciably improve skill set

**TARGET DATE**—The date by which you plan to complete the development activity

**TARGET VALUE**—The number associated with a value-based activity (e.g., **40** hours, **18** months)

**VALUE-BASED ACTIVITY**—Any development activity that can be measured numerically or quantified (e.g., 40 hours, 18 months); only applies to external activities, such as on-the-job training



## HELPResources

- **Help Desk:** 1-877-NSSC123 (1-877-677-2123) or [nasa-satern.support@nasa.gov](mailto:nasa-satern.support@nasa.gov)
- **SATERN Info Site:** <https://saterninfo.nasa.gov>
- **Center Training Office**

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# INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

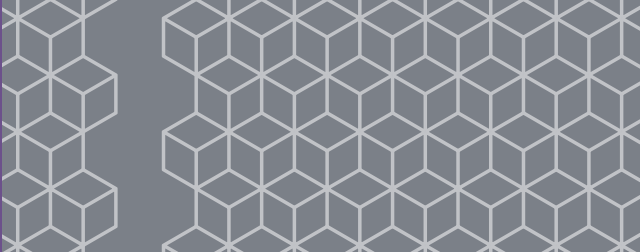
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YOUR LEARNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT AT NASA



# QUICKReferenceGuide



The **Individual Development Plan (IDP)** in SATERN allows you to document short-range, mid-range, and long-range career goals, as well as the training and development activities required to reach each goal. The IDP can then be updated as you complete these activities.



CREATE AN IDP

- Log in to SATERN at <https://satern.nasa.gov>.
- On your homepage, select the **Career** tab.
- Click **Development Plan**.
- Click **Create New Plan**.
- Enter required fields: **Plan Title** (e.g., IDP 2008) & **Expiration Date** (e.g., 04/30/2009). Other fields are optional (e.g., **Coach/Mentor**).
- Click **Add**.

Your **Plan Information** is now complete.

ADD A GOAL

After you have created an IDP, the **Modify Individual Development Plan** screen displays. On this screen, you can add *competency-based goals* or *non-competency-based goals*. The business and technical competencies in SATERN are representative of those listed in NASA's Competency Management System (CMS).

ADD A COMPETENCY-BASED GOAL

- Click **Add Goal** in the appropriate section: *Short-Range*, *Mid-Range*, or *Long-Range*.
- Select **Competency**.
- Click **Next**.
- Enter keywords that relate to your desired competency.
- Select a search type.
- Click **Next**.
- Select the checkbox for the competency that best reflects your goal. (You may choose more than one to create multiple goals at once.)
- Click **Next**.
- Confirm or edit the required fields: **Goal Name**, **Target Rating** (use default rating of 1), & **Target Date**. **Priority** level is an optional field.
- Click **Done** or **Save and Add Another**.

ADD A NON-COMPETENCY-BASED GOAL

- Click **Add Goal** in the appropriate section: *Short-Range*, *Mid-Range*, or *Long-Range*.
- Select **Other**.
- Click **Next**.
- Enter required fields: **Goal Name** & **Target Date**. Other fields are optional (e.g., **Goal Description** & **Priority** level).
- Click **Done** or **Save and Add Another**.

ADD A DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

After you have added a goal, you must add at least one development activity to support it. Otherwise, you will receive a “validation error” (indicated in red at the top of the screen) when you submit the IDP. On the **Modify Individual Development Plan** screen, you can add a *catalog item* from SATERN or an *external activity* that is not in SATERN.

ADD A DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY—CATALOG ITEM

- Click ► to the left of the Goal Name.
- Click **Add Activity**.
- Select **Catalog Item**.
- Click **Next**.
- Select **Item Type(s)**.
- Enter keywords next to the criteria you wish to use to search SATERN for items. (**NOTE:** For a broader search, you may need to remove the competency that populates the search criteria automatically.)
- Click **Next**.
- Select the checkbox for the item you wish to include. (There may be multiple pages of items. You may choose more than one item to add multiple activities at once.)
- Click the **Next** button at the bottom of the screen.
- Confirm or edit the required fields: **Activity Name** & **Target Date**. **Priority** level is an optional field.
- Click **Done**.

ADD A DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY—EXTERNAL

- Click ► to the left of the Goal Name.
- Click **Add Activity**.
- Select **External Activities**.
- Click **Next**.
- Confirm or edit the required fields: **Activity Name** & **Target Date**. **Priority** level is an optional field.
- Select the **Value-Based** checkbox and enter a **Target Value** if the activity can be measured numerically or quantified (e.g., **40** hours, **18** months).
- If the development activity *does* require a NF-1735, uncheck the **Record Completion** box. If the activity *does not* require a NF-1735, leave the box checked.
- Click **Done**.

SUBMIT AN IDP

After all goals and activities have been added, the **Modify Individual Development Plan** screen displays.

- Click **Submit for Approval**.
- Confirm that your **Plan Status** is now **Submit/Pending**.

PRINT AN IDP

To print an IDP, you must create an *Individual Development Plan* report.

- Select the **Reports** tab.
- Click **Individual Development Plan**.
- Select the desired **Report Format**.
- Identify the IDP you wish to print using the search criteria.
- Click **Run Report**.
- The report displays in a separate pop-up window. Print the report as you would any other document.
- Close the pop-up window.

FOR COACHES & MENTORS ONLY

VIEW AN IDP & ADD COMMENTS

As a coach/mentor, you may be asked by your coachee/mentee to review and comment on his/her draft IDP in SATERN.

- Log in to SATERN at <https://satern.nasa.gov>.
- On your homepage, select the **Career** tab.
- Click **View Other Learners’ Plans**.
- All the IDPs to which you have been granted access will display. Click **View IDP** next to the appropriate IDP.
- You are now viewing your coachee's/mentee's IDP (note his/her name next to the **Learner** label). View development activities by clicking ► next to each goal name, and view further activity details by clicking **View Item Details**.
- *Optional:* To add notes, click **View/Add Notes** next to the section on which you would like to comment. Enter comments in the **Add Comments** text box and click **Add**.
- Click **Home** or **View Other Plans** to return to the main page.

**NOTE:** Coaches/mentors are not alerted via email when an IDP is ready for review in SATERN, nor is the coachee/mentee alerted via email when the comments are complete. The two parties must communicate this outside of SATERN. However, the **coachee/mentee must grant you access to the IDP in SATERN in order for you to view the draft**.

